

## BRADLEY MARTIN'S TO ENLIVEN SOCIETY.

Arrive Here in Time to Light  
Up a Sombre Season  
of Dulness.

Society Glad, Because It Fills  
Their House with Flowers  
and Love Tokens.

Some of Their Triumphs in the Giving  
of Entertainments  
Recalled.

### POPULAR DINNER-DANCE PARTIES.

Remarkable Rise of a Couple Which Was  
Unknown in the Social World No  
Longer Ago Than Fif-  
teen Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin reached  
their residence here, No. 22 West Twen-  
ty-ninth street, last night in time for dinner.  
They had just arrived on the Teutonic  
from Europe.

Society has awaited the advent of Mr.  
and Mrs. Martin with extreme interest.  
The evidence of this was the number of  
superb floral offerings in the various rooms  
sent by friends in anticipation of their  
coming. The domestics have been pre-  
paring for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs.  
Bradley-Martin for some time, and every-  
thing about the establishment is spick and  
span to a degree. Bradley-Martin, Jr.,  
sailed here from Harvard College yes-  
terday.

The arrival of no other couple to New  
York could possibly create the same social  
excitement as that of Mr. and Mrs. Brad-  
ley-Martin.

The late Ward McAllister frequently ob-  
served that Mrs. Bradley-Martin's presence  
on the scene was felt the moment she  
came to enliven a dull season.

So far this has been the duldest winter in  
society that can be recalled. That Mrs.  
Bradley-Martin's arrival is expected to  
carry it brightly through now to the end  
of the season without saying.

At the present time about the only cards  
out for a private ball are those of Mrs.  
Asor, who gives hers on Monday night,  
January 4. No doubt the fact that Mr.  
and Mrs. Bradley-Martin are here will give  
as expected an immediate fillip to the  
party.

Though Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin can-  
not match illustrious with the Vanderbilts  
and Astors, yet in reckless, royal expendi-  
ture in entertaining they are in the lead.  
They first attracted attention in the city  
by their dinner parties, giving a constant suc-  
cession of these, all perfect as to the wines,  
cooking and service, and splendid in point  
of decoration. They were the first to in-  
troduce professional drawing room enter-  
tainers on this side of the water.

Of the great prima donna, Mrs. Bradley-  
Martin, and chief of the social stars  
have given evidence of their talent. It is  
said that they have never been able to  
lose a single brother to stay in their  
house for the pleasure of their friends.

### THE BRADLEY-MARTIN TRIUMPH.

The Bradley-Martin was the originator  
of the famous series of dinner dances which  
are an unbrokenly here for a few  
years. She and Mrs. Cleten Mills led  
them off. Each entertained on the same  
evening seventy-five guests at dinner. Then  
the combined parties danced at Mrs. Brad-  
ley-Martin's. After the first occasion the  
dinner guests were divided up at different  
houses. Among the regular dinner dance  
entertainers were the Bradley-Martins, Oc-  
tavius Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van-  
derbilt, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb and Mr.  
and Mrs. W. Douglas Sloane.

One of the finest entertainments ever  
given here was the fancy dress ball of Mr.  
and Mrs. Bradley-Martin. Their house is  
capacious, and to insure additional space a  
substantial building was added, which cor-  
rected the entire plan. The building was  
at this time gorgeous, and the favors given  
were of all trinkets of value, and such  
like trifles for the guests as jeweled bag-  
ettes, which cost more money than any  
since given.

They first entertained 250 guests at dinner  
in the ballroom, the decorations being done  
entirely in American Beauty roses. There  
were clusters of these for all the female  
guests. It is said that the decorations alone  
cost \$10,000. After the dinner the guests  
went upstairs for their coffee and  
tea. The room was to the red and blue  
room, as ballroom was penumbra. The  
readiness for the dance. During the  
dances in the cotillon the finest French  
jewels and jeweled orders were distributed.

### Success Crowned Their Efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin have  
achieved their social prominence, and were  
not to the manner born.

Fifteen years ago they were unknown  
even by name to the fashionable folks who  
now count their attentions. Bradley-Martin  
came from Albany, and Mrs. Bradley-Martin  
from Troy. The latter's father was  
Isaac Sherman, and he was in business  
in Troy for years before coming here. He  
was in the cooperative business here. His  
profits he constantly invested in railroad  
bonds. These increased enormously in  
value that his estate far exceeded all ex-  
pectations when he died. It was after  
this that Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin be-  
gan their upward social flight. At this  
time Mrs. Bradley-Martin was known  
chiefly as a very pretty and gracious woman  
of a peculiarly kindly nature.

She was one of the three matrons se-  
lected to receive the guests at the famous  
New York ball given at the Metropolitan  
Opera House during the season of '91-'92.  
She can make as gorgeous a display of  
diamonds when in grand toilet as any of  
the women in New York society. The  
vicissitudes of life within the Bradley-  
Martins can be recalled very generally.  
Their eldest son, Sherman Martin, died  
a couple of winters since in New York.  
His early matrimonial entanglement with  
a variety actress shaped his career im-  
pugnably, until the untimely end. The  
wedding of the young daughter of the  
house, Miss Cora Martin, with the Earl  
of Craven, took place four seasons ago in  
New York. An income of \$75,000 was  
settled on Miss Martin at the time. There  
is talk now that the Earl and Countess  
of Craven may also come over for a while.  
At present they are entertaining a  
party of friends at Combe Abbey, their  
home place, near Coventry, in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin have enter-  
tained every Autumn for years past a great  
number of their American friends at their  
establishment, Bolnesau, in Holland, near  
Amsterdam. Their home party at this place  
usually numbers seventy-five. Among these  
are always some titled people, es-  
pecially of the Anglo-American set. Mrs.  
Martin has the name of being a  
match-maker. No sooner does she  
get in to chamber than young women  
are for change and a marriage.

Mrs. Isaac Sherman returned to New  
York on the Teutonic with Mr. and Mrs.  
Bradley-Martin. It is her first visit to  
America in several years. Mrs. Sherman  
has, of course, a large fortune, some say  
as much as \$10,000,000.

### Sickness Among Nurses.

It was rumored yesterday morning that a  
number of nurses in the training school of the  
Monks' Hospital were ill with typhoid  
fever. It was said that ten of them were af-  
fected, two being very seriously ill. The super-  
intendent stated that there was no unusual  
amount of sickness among the attendants of the  
institution.

## ANOTHER FLAW IN TILDEN'S WILL.

New Lebanon and Yonkers  
Will Not Get Their Free  
Libraries.

Justice Beekman Decides the  
Trusts Violate the Law  
Against Perpetuities.

Trustees Are Accountable to the Next of  
Kin for All of the Residuary  
Estate.

### OTHER LOOSE CLAUSES CONSTRUED.

Life Interests Closed—Mrs. Pelton's Grand-  
daughter Receives \$50,000, Principal,  
and Adelaide Buchanan,  
\$25,000.

Another important clause in the will of  
Samuel J. Tilden was declared invalid yes-  
terday. Justice Beekman, in the Supreme  
Court, handed down a decision, arising out  
of an action brought by the executors and  
trustees of the will for the construction  
of certain clauses, in which he holds that  
further trusts created by the estate are  
illegal.

The residuary estate of \$3,000,000, which  
Mr. Tilden meant to be devoted to the es-  
tablishment of a free library in this city,  
as declared invalid by the Court of Ap-  
peals several years ago. After the de-  
cision that the residuary trust was illegal,  
and after Mrs. Mary B. Pelton, the tes-  
tator's sister, had given most of her share  
to the founding of the library in this city,  
a contingent fund of \$500,000 was cre-  
ated to carry out clauses 33 and 34 of the  
will with respect to the establishment of  
free libraries at New Lebanon and Yonkers,  
\$100,000 having been left for each of  
these purposes.

Justice Beekman thinks that both trusts  
are open to the fatal objection that they  
are in violation of the law against per-  
petuities.

"No time is specified within which the  
trusts are to be executed," says the Jus-  
tice, "and the law is well settled that in  
the case of a charitable trust such a limita-  
tion is indispensable to their validity.  
These attempted dispositions are, there-  
fore, void, and the plaintiffs rest under no  
duty with respect to them."

Under the will of Mr. Tilden a trust  
fund of \$50,000 was created for Mrs. Pelton  
for life. Upon her death it was to go to  
her granddaughter, Mrs. Laura P. Hazard.  
Mrs. Pelton, by her will, left her property  
to this granddaughter, and the decision  
gives her the principal of the trust fund.  
Justice Beekman also decides that Ade-  
laide E. Buchanan is entitled to the  
trust fund of \$25,000, created for her  
mother, Mrs. Lucy P. Tilden.

Railroad bonds to the amount of \$100,000  
were left in trust for Mr. Tilden's friend,  
Marie Celeste Stauder, of New Orleans. A  
question arose as to whether the trustees  
could change this investment. The Jus-  
tice holds that they cannot.

Justice Beekman says that the portion  
of the will relative to the acquisition by  
the trustees of certain family property at  
New Lebanon for the use of Mr. Tilden's  
nephews, George H. Tilden and Samuel J.

Tilden, Jr., is loosely drawn. He decides  
that these beneficiaries have estates  
for life as tenants in common in this prop-  
erty.

"Inasmuch as the original scheme of  
Mr. Tilden failed," says the Justice, "and  
his main purpose to establish a library in  
this city was defeated, the trustees have  
become accountable to the next of kin for  
the whole of the residuary estate."

What remains of the \$600,000 fund which  
the executors were to establish at New  
Lebanon and Yonkers libraries will now go  
to the heirs.

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## NO IDEA OF BEING THE MAYOR AGAIN.

So Said Colonel William L.  
Strong When Ques-  
tioned Yesterday.

Denied Emphatically That He  
Was in Any Political  
Deal with Mr. Platt.

Declared That He Personally Favored  
the Choosing of Joseph H. Choate  
for the Senatorship.

### BUT, HERE WAS A DIFFERENCE.

He Didn't Believe in the Action of the  
Union League Club in Regard to  
Choate, Because It Was  
Obviously Useless.

Mayor Strong yesterday defined his posi-  
tion clearly with regard to the Platt-Choate  
Senatorship fight and in reference to other  
political matters with which his name has  
been connected. He denied that he is en-  
deavoring to win the favor of ex-Senator  
Platt in order that he may be made the  
Republican nominee to succeed himself,  
and said that he has no idea of being a  
candidate again under any circumstances.

Every sentence of the interview, which  
was given by the Mayor at the City Hall,  
was in clear-cut language and without any  
effort to hedge. When asked his position  
with regard to the Senatorship fight he re-  
plied: "If the selection of a United States  
Senator from New York were left to me, I  
would name Joseph H. Choate."

"Not," he continued, "that I have any-  
thing against Mr. Platt, but I think Choate  
would be a better selection. I am opposed,  
however, to the Union League Club's meth-  
od of advocating the election of Mr.  
Choate. The club is not acting for the  
best interests of the Republican party at  
a time when everything is propitious for a  
reconciliation of the opposing factions."

"It is apparent that a majority of the  
members of the Legislature are for  
Mr. Platt, and to make any op-  
position is like talking against  
Banker Hill Monument."

"I think, therefore, that for the good of  
the party the course of the Union League  
Club is inopportune."

Would Name Choate If He Could.  
"Mind you," the Mayor repeated emphat-  
ically, "if I had the naming of the next  
United States Senator from this State, Joe  
Choate would be the man."

"Does that mean you will use your influ-  
ence in his behalf?" he was asked.  
"I won't answer that question," the Mayor  
replied. "I will only say that I think the  
movement in his behalf by the Union  
League is all wrong."

When questioned concerning the report  
that he was Mr. Platt's candidate for  
Mayor of Greater New York, he replied:  
"I am not to be anybody's candi-  
date. All my friends know that I  
have no idea of being a candidate.  
I won't answer that question. I have made my  
position plain to my friends on a  
number of occasions. Even if I were a candidate, I don't  
think I would have the support of  
the Union League of the City."

"I will say," added the Mayor, "that Mr.  
Platt never spoke to me on the question  
of the United States Senatorship, or the  
mayoralty of the Greater New York. I  
have not discussed politics in any phase  
with him and none of his friends has  
approached me on the question of be-  
coming a candidate again for Mayor."

When asked about the Withersbee har-  
mony dinner, the Mayor said: "The  
first night, the dinner at the house of Mr.  
Withersbee was not a political dinner. It  
was a social meeting, and the guests were  
not there to discuss politics. The dinner  
discussed the politics of the day, the  
Republican victory. During the dinner I  
sat between Mr. Bliss and Mr. Withersbee,  
and my conversation was almost entirely  
with them."

I did not talk to Mr. Platt more than  
two minutes, and our conversation was  
entirely foreign to anything political. The  
election of a United States Senator  
and the mayoralty of the city were the  
probable candidates of any man for the next Mayor  
of New York."

Dr. Parkhurst's Criticism.  
The Mayor was then questioned as to  
what he thought of Dr. Parkhurst's im-  
plied criticism of him for attending the  
dinner.

"What criticism was that?" he asked,  
with a look of surprise.  
"Dr. Parkhurst's speech in Brooklyn on  
Monday night, in which he spoke of polit-  
ical deals being made at many dinners,"  
the Mayor was informed.  
"I haven't seen it," he replied.

"I will say, however," he added, "that Dr.  
Parkhurst has a right to say what he  
thinks. I never object to him criticizing  
me. That is a right he has. No doubt he  
spoke as he thought right from his way of  
looking at things."

"If he referred to the dinner I attended,  
however, he was wrong in his deductions.  
As I have said, there was no political sig-  
nificance in the dinner. I know of no  
reason why gentlemen should not meet and  
talk in a social way when they see fit. I do not in-  
tend, however, to get into a controversy  
with Dr. Parkhurst over the matter. I ad-  
mire men who say what they think."

SENT A BROTHER TO JAIL.  
Andrew Riker, Accused of Embezzling \$6,000,  
and Withholding \$150,000 Worth of His  
Brother's Property, in a Cell.

Andrew J. Riker, of Maplewood, N. J.,  
was locked up in the town jail, in that  
place, at midnight on Tuesday on the  
charge of embezzling \$6,000 in cash and re-  
taining possession of \$150,000 worth of  
property belonging to his brother, William  
B. Riker. The brothers are well advanced  
in years, the prisoner being sixty-five, while  
his brother is several years older.

William, the complainant, was formerly  
the head of a wholesale and retail drug  
business in South Jersey, but had been doing  
business in New York for years. About a  
year ago he retired, turning over the  
big establishment to his sons. Since his re-  
tirement he has resided at East Port  
Charter, Conn. Mr. Riker says that ad-  
vancing age and ill-health led him to em-  
ploy his brother as his agent to look after  
his property and his financial interests.

While Andrew was acting as agent for him,  
he says, turned over to Andrew  
\$6,000 on the condition that the money was to be re-  
turned on the demand of William B.  
Riker. His agent, on November 19  
last, William made a formal written de-  
mand upon his brother for the return of  
the cash, and was met with a flat refusal.  
The property involved is situated at  
Fifth avenue and Seventy-first street. Wil-  
liam says that although Andrew was em-  
ployed only in the capacity of an agent, he  
now claims to own the property outright,  
alleging that it was transferred to him by  
his brother for a consideration of \$2.

Andrew J. Riker has resided with his son  
in Maplewood, N. J., for a number of  
years, and is well known and highly re-  
spected. Friends of the brothers endeav-  
ored to bring about an amicable settlement  
of the case Tuesday night, but their efforts  
were of no avail, as Andrew says the prop-  
erty and cash in dispute belong to him  
absolutely, and that he will never allow  
his brother to see a penny of it. He pre-  
ferred to go to jail rather than give it up.  
His sons were arranging yesterday to se-  
cure bondsmen for his release.

Conducts a Class in Citizenship.  
The City Vigilance League is conducting a  
class in citizenship made up of foreigners  
that have taken out their first papers de-  
claring their intention of becoming citizens  
of the United States. It is the aim of the League  
to give them instruction in the Constitu-  
tion and laws of the country. The class meets  
every Saturday evening at the Hebrew In-  
stitute, East Broadway and Jefferson street,  
and is conducted by Abraham L. Wolbarsht  
and Henry M. Cassen, of the League's organiza-  
tion in the Fourth assembly district.

A cough needs quick and effective treatment.  
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